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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Paer von MALMBORG et al.
Title: BENDING RESISTANT MALE
CONNECTOR FOR A GUIDE
WIRE
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AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION (RCE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action Dated November 03, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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